

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-18, 20-24, 26, 28-46, 48, 50, 51, 61-82 and 84-90 will be pending in the application after entry of this Amendment. Claims 9, 11-18, 20, 26, 28-35, 40, 45, 48, 50, 51, 61-64, 71-82, 84, 85, 89 and 90 are being amended. Claims 1, 8, 10, 19, 25, 27, 42, 47 and 49 are being cancelled. Applicant believes no new matter is being introduced by way of this Amendment.

Regarding objections to the drawings.

The drawings filed on July 13, 2001 stand objected. Applicant requested non-publication of the patent application. Applicant will provide replacement drawings following receipt of notice of allowability and in advance of issuance or any publication.

Regarding allowed subject matter.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 9, 10, 26, 27, 82, and 83.

Applicant's now amended claim 9 includes elements of base claims 1 and 8; now amended claim 26 includes elements of base claims 19 and 25; and now amended claim 82 includes elements of base claims 47 and 49.

As such, these claims should be allowed as indicated in the Final Office Action (dated December 7, 2009) on page 8.

Now amended claims 35, 40, and 45 recite similar elements as now amended claims 9, 26, and 82, and, as such, should be allowed for similar reasons.

The dependent claims depend directly or indirectly from now amended base independent claims 9, 26, 35, 40, 45 or 82, and, as such, should be allowed for at least the same reasons as the base claims from which they depend.

Claims 1, 8, 10, 19, 25, 27, 42, 47 and 49 are being cancelled in favor of now amended claims 9, 26, 35, 40, 45 and 82.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims that will be pending after entry of this Amendment (claims 2-9, 11-18, 20-24, 26, 28-46, 48, 50, 51, 61-82 and 84-90) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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